

## FINAL EXAM ESSAY QUESTIONS (50 POINTS)

### Answer question 1 (25 Points, 1-2 pages)

1. Elliot and Degrazia present two contrasting views on whether we should use the antidepressant Prozac for cosmetic purposes, i.e., to treat people who are not clinically depressed. Present both authors' theses clearly and summarize their respective arguments for their theses. Make sure to clearly describe the kind of patient Elliot and Degrazia are envisioning. Then, position yourself. Do you think Elliot or Degrazia is right? Defend your position against at least one potential objection.

### Answer EITHER question 2 OR question 3 (25 points, 1-2 pages)

2. Your friends are facing a tough choice. They decided to conceive a child through In Vitro Fertilization, and now they must select one embryo to implant. They can decide between embryo 1 and embryo 2. The only difference between those two embryos is that embryo 2 has a genetic abnormality that will cause blindness and mild cognitive impairment (the child will be more forgetful). The couple is financially well off and psychologically capable of raising a child with a mild cognitive impairment. What should they do?

Pick 2 of the authors we have discussed (Sandel, Brock, Savulescu, or Shimazono). Explain clearly and in your own words their position on selection. What would those two authors say the couple should do and why? Be very clear and explicit about the authors' verdicts. Then, present at least one objection against each verdict. Finally, take a stand. Which verdict seems right to you? In this part, you should defend the author you picked and answer to the objection on his behalf. At the same time, make sure to critically reflect on your position and to show awareness of remaining questions or problems for your side.

3. Savulescu claims that "it is bad that blind and deaf children are born when sighted and hearing children could have been born in their place" (p. 423). Why does Savulescu believe that? Explain clearly and in your own words his position on genetic selection. Which arguments does Savulescu bring up to support his position? Do you think his arguments are convincing? Explain why! Then, discuss a strong argument against Savulescu's position that his opponent might raise. Do you think Savulescu can convincingly respond to the counter argument? In the end, do you think Savulescu is right? Make sure to critically reflect on your position and to show awareness of remaining questions or problems for your side.